

**REMARKS**

This responds to the Advisory Action mailed on September 14, 2004.

Claims 1, 3-5, 9, 12, 25, 27-28, and 30-32 are amended; as a result, claims 1-12 and 25-32 are now pending in this application. These amendments are being concurrently filed with an RCE; therefore the entries of these amendments are appropriate and are sufficient to remove the final rejections of record.

Applicants disagree that, even with the dictionary term of compression supplied in the Advisory Action, the Ito reference teaches compression. Ito does not teach compression as previously elucidated in prior responses provided by the Applicants. However, Applicants have added the limitation of packing and unpacking to the claims, since Ito does not suggest or teach the packing or unpacking of data.

The independent claims now positively recite both compressing and packing the data, such that data is compressed and packed into reduced sizes or decompressed and unpacked into larger or original sizes. Therefore, Applicants believe that the rejections with respect to Ito are no longer appropriate and should be withdrawn.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney (513) 942-0224 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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